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The Honorable José Serrano
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Dear Chairman Carter and Culberson and Ranking Members Roybal-Allard and Serrano:

As you begin work on the fiscal year (FY) 2019 Appropriations bills for Homeland Security and Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies, we urge you to prevent funds from going to "sanctuary cities" that prevent law enforcement officials from faithfully executing our immigration laws.

Accordingly, we ask that you include language similar to the following:

Sanctuary Cities

SEC. __. None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to obligate or award funds to a State or a political subdivision of a State that--

“(A) has in effect any law, policy, or procedure in contravention of subsection (a) or (b) of section 642 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1373); or

“(B) has in effect any law, policy, or procedure the result of which hinders the federal government from enforcing the immigration laws as defined by 8 U.S.C. 101(a)(17).”

The concept of sanctuary city policies is in direct opposition to the Rule of Law. A nation of laws must enforce established law, not seek ways to skirt enforcement. Sanctuary cities defy federal immigration laws by harboring untold numbers of illegal immigrants and providing safe havens for criminals, many of whom are violent offenders.


According to the White House, "[o]n Aug. 2, 2017, the Santa Rosa Police Department in California arrested a citizen of Guatemala, on charges of inflicting corporal injury to a spouse/cohabitant, and booked him into the Sonoma County Jail in Santa Rosa, California. ICE lodged a detainer the same day. The next day at approximately 8:12 p.m. PDT, a Sonoma County Jail sergeant called ICE and advised that the suspect would be released shortly. At 8:36 p.m. PDT, Sonoma County Jail emailed ICE indicating his release. The jail provided ICE with only 24 minutes notice before it released the alien, despite the fact that the jail is located about 65 miles from the nearest ICE field office. ICE did not arrest the alien due to insufficient time given to respond. On Aug. 18, 2017, the Santa Rosa Police Department in California arrested the same individual as a suspect in the murder of his alleged girlfriend."

We need not remind you of the shocking case of Kate Steinle in San Francisco in 2015, which revealed the danger sanctuary cities pose to our Republic. Steinle was shot and killed by Juan Francisco Lopez-Sanchez, an illegal immigrant who had been deported five times. San Francisco authorities were asked to detain Sanchez until he could be turned over to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officials. The city declined and held Sanchez in jail for less than a month on a 20-year-old drug charge before releasing him on April 15, 2015, less than two months before he killed Steinle.

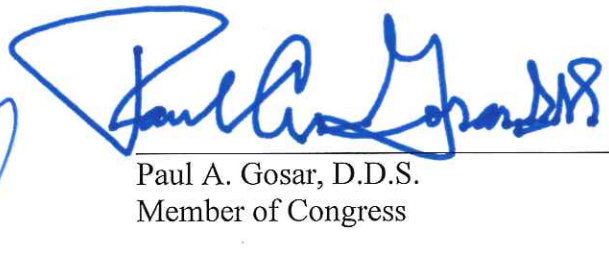
The Steinle killing called attention to the dangers sanctuary city policies pose to the safety and security of the American people. The House has voted and passed language that prohibits federal funds from going to sanctuary cities five different times in recent years. Again, we respectfully request that you prevent federal funds from going to sanctuary cities in FY 2019.

We thank you for your consideration of this request, and for your leadership on the committee.

Sincerely,



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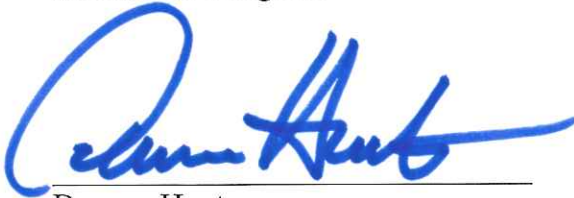
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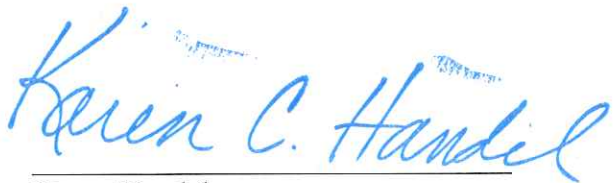
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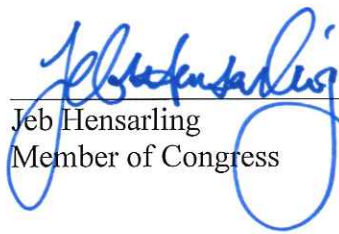
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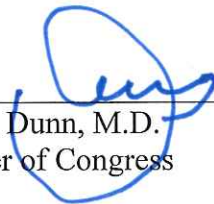
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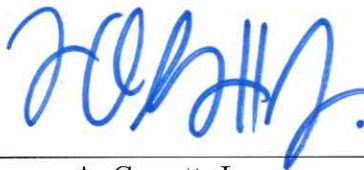
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